

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Marilee Bylsma

WHEREAS, Marilee Bylsma graduated from Grandville Christian High School in Grandville, Michigan, after which she attended Calvin College where she received a Bachelor of Science Education degree; and attended the University of Michigan where she received a Masters in Educational Administration degree; and

WHEREAS, Marilee Bylsma has been employed by the Detroit Public Schools since 1976 where she was a Special Education teacher from 1976-1982; Special Education teacher consultant from 1982-1987; Assistant Principal at Burt Elementary School from 1987-1989; Principal at Samuel Gompers Elementary School from 1989-2001; and since 2001 has served as Divisional Director of the Center for School Leaders; and

WHEREAS, in her current role, Marilee has been responsible for writing and obtaining financial resources outside of the District for over \$1.3 million for professional development, has supervised the National Board Certification process for Detroit teachers; and has been of great assistance to the Michigan Department of Education in surfacing excellent teachers and support staff for recognition and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 while Ms. Bylsma was Assistant Principal at Burt Elementary School, the school received the Golden Apple Award for Improved Achievement; and in 2001, while Principal at Samuel Gompers Elementary School, the school was selected as a National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School; and

WHEREAS, Marilee has announced that she will retire from the Detroit Public Schools effective November 30, 2007; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, in recognition of 31 years of dedicated service to the Detroit Public Schools, extends its gratitude to Marilee Bylsma for her outstanding contributions to Michigan education and the students of Detroit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education hereby expresses its gratitude, respect, and appreciation to this exceptional individual; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That in addition to its gratitude, the State Board of Education extends to Ms. Bylsma its highest regard, its respect, and its best wishes for the future.



Adopted December 11, 2007

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction